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GRIMSBY, BEAMSVILLE AND SMITHVILLE, THURSDAY, MAR. 1, 1900.

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NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

Battle of Sunnyside Described by J. L. A. Hornibrook.

The following letter was received by Mrs. R. E. Denison from her brother, J. L. A. Hornibrook, C Co., Royal Canadian Regiment, South Africa:

"I wrote you a few days ago, when I was interrupted by the order to march on Douglas. We were all ready to go, when the order was countermanded, and we did not start until Sunday at 2.30 p.m., walking and riding by turns on the transport wagons, and arriving at Cook's farm at 8 p.m., our first camping place, a distance of 20 miles. We left there at 6 a.m. for the Boer encampment 12 miles distant, and when within 6 miles of it we left the wagons and advanced in skirmishing order, the left half company in advance and the right half in the rear supporting the artillery; the Australian mounted infantry acting as scouts ahead. We moved then cautiously and about 10 o'clock sighted the enemy's camp 2 miles away in an excellent position at the immediate foot of a long table mountain, which gradually sloped upwards. There were about 20 tents in all and through strong field glasses you could plainly see the enemy, who were about to take place. The artillery got within 1200 yards, the Maxims on the left about 900, and all the Toronto company (the only ones in the engagement) except 10 men, (I being one of the ten), supporting the Maxims. The remaining ten were detailed to support the heavy guns, and, although we were under a heavy fire continuously, we missed the event of the day—the bayonet charge. The first shot was fired at 11. They got the range first crack and our first shell fell right in the center of their camp. We sent one more in that direction and then

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many more in succession up along the side of the hill, just where you would imagine they would be retreating. All the time there was a constant pinging from the enemy, but without effect to the Canadians, although three Australians were killed and several wounded.

At 3.30 p.m. the general charge took place, and when they saw there was no hope the white flags sprang into prominence, and we in the distance knew that the day was won. 42 were taken prisoners, 8 or 10 killed, several wounded, and about 180 escaped in consequence of the Scots Greys not arriving in time to cut off the retreat. We camped there over night, continuing the advance in the morning, arriving at Douglas about 2 p.m., to find those who had fallen back from the scene of battle, along with the remaining Boer residents, who scampered over the river and far away, singing as they went "Roscine's come; Roscine's come." We had a jolly time in the town, being treated right royally by the good loyal citizens remaining, and this ended our first experience of actual warfare. The bugle has sounded for tea, so good bye for the present. In my next I will describe how we marched all night to avoid 1200 Boers, who were after us like foot to avenge their comrades shot at Sunnyside."

Col. Robert Nelles.
No. 3—C. E. W.

When a man leaves his country, his home and friends because of a change in government, he shows his principles and sentiments more than if it were the place of his birth. Robert Nelles left York State in Revolutionary times. His father was a prisoner at Green Bush, opposite Albany, but he made his way through the forest of Holland to Niagara River and boldly plunged in, swimming to the British shore.

First among the U. E. Loyalists, he soon became prominent, bearing the hardships of pioneer life. In 1798 he built his stone mansion, the first structure of the kind in our township; situated on the corner near the concession line then running through the cemetery as far as the church parsonage. When land was required for the church and grave-yard, he freely gave it on condition the neighbors would clear the land. Many bodies that had been buried at the lake were brought up and re-interred there, leaving plenty of land on the north, called potter's field, for burying strangers in. He built a store opposite his house for his son Henry. I remember calling there on my way to the lines as a volunteer in Capt. Kentle's troop. He gave me some kind advice and said he was glad as young as I was, that I had turned out to defend our queen and country, which I think I did as well as the rest of the company. We trained, patrolled and guarded the lines, carried despatches, and when VanRansselaer retreated from Navy Island we were among the first to take possession of it. I am glad to see our Government give badges to those who turned out in the Fenian Raid and fought, bled and died in our defense; but think they have forgotten those who slept on blankets on the hard floor in Davie's hotel at Chippawa. I think if Col. Robert Nelles were living he would say, "By George, this shall not be."

ABSTRACT STATEMENT

Of Receipts and Expenditure, Assets and Liabilities, of the Township of South Grimsby from Jan. 1, 1899, to Dec. 31, 1899, inclusive.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand \$ 222 25
Arrars of taxes, 1899 224 19
Licenses 123 19
Taxes, 1899 2220 00
From North Grimsby 5 20
From sale of sewer pipe 00

EXPENDITURE.

Salaries, allowances, etc 258 15
Printing 42 91
Roads and bridges 1223 00
Charity 1 00
County rates 332 00
Schools 2164 47
Board of Health 29 00
Debtors 656 26
Election expenses 25 46
Refund of dog tax 3 00
Rent for engine house 6 00
Agricultural Society 50 00
Balance on hand 533 34

ASSETS.

Cash on hand 858 84
Due from Collector 327 25
Sale of old bridge 18 00
Balance 8556 37

LIABILITIES.

Due Hamilton Bridge Co 600 00
County rate 484 43
S. S. No. 12 250 00
S. S. No. 16 131 74
Collector, 1899 20 00
Collector, 1899 20 00
J. A. Livingston, balance printing 1899 7 20
Postage, exchange, etc 2 06
4 High School debtors, \$270 each 1080 00
11 T. H. & B. debtors, \$255 each 4305 07

Dated the 24th day of January, 1900.
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Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Dress Skirts in tweeds, black and navy serges, black lustrous—plain and figured and black blazer cloths in various patterns; all well and fashionably made; various styles; well lined; reduced like this:
Were \$4.50 to \$5, now \$2.50
Were \$5.00 to \$6, now 3.50
Were \$5.50, reduced to \$3.50
Were \$7.75, reduced to \$5.00

Black Shirt Waists.

In Satin and Lawns, just the thing for home wear or for outdoor wear in warm weather; the better ones are all nicely tucked; prices reduced thus:
Were \$1.25, reduced to \$1.00
Were 1.75, reduced to 1.25

Wrappers Reduced.

In Flannelette, mostly dark colorings, vari-

ety of fancy patterns, variously made and trimmed, great bargains:
Were \$2.00, reduced to \$1.50
Were 2.50, reduced to 1.75
Were 3.25, reduced to 2.25

Wrapperettes Reduced.

Quite a large lot of good Wrapperettes at reduced prices; striped, plaid and fancy designs, 23 inches wide:
3 pieces, were 10c, now 7½c
5 pieces, were 10 and 15c, now 8½c

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At from 5 to 15c we have the finest selection of Flannelettes you could wish for. The prices are really considerably less than present values, because we bought the goods at the old low prices. These lists:
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About 50 yards of Black Figured Mohair Dress Goods, nice bright finish, very large range of neat patterns, 44-inch:

Formerly 50c, now 35c
Formerly 60c, now 40c
Formerly 75c, now 50c

Venetian Diagonals, all-wool, good shade of black, 42-inch, were 60c, now 40c
Figured Solids, rich finish, good pattern, 45-inch, were 45c, now 35c

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1 line men's long boots, were \$2.25, now \$1.75.
1 line men's long boots, were \$2.00, now \$1.50.
Men's hockey shoes, were \$2.25, now \$2.00.
Boy's hockey shoes, were \$2.00, now \$1.75.
All kinds of winter footwear at proportionately low prices.
Sax and rubbers going at cost.
Repairing neatly done.

J. H. WHITTAKER
Grimsby

Grimsby, Mar. 1.

—Organ for Sale—Very cheap and on easy terms. Apply at this office.

—Emerson Jacobs, of Kilmory, has purchased the farm of F. Southward who recently moved to Moyston City, B. C. Mr. Jacobs will move to his farm in the spring.

—For Sale—A block of nice fruit land about eight acres at Beausville, good situation, suitable for residence and small fruit farm. Apply at the Independent Office Grimsby.

—Wm. Forbes, delegate from Grimsby Lodge, A. O. U. W., to the Grand Lodge meeting in Toronto last week, reports that the sum of \$500 was voted towards the National Patriotic Fund.

—A short time ago, Fred S. Jarvis of Tapscott, lost a valuable dog named "The Tiger, Algonquin Hunt of Beausville, honestly returned it to this office through his brother, R. A. Hurst.

—Jobe Found—On Stone Road by Palmer's School house Friday night Feb. 23rd. Owner can have same by paying for this ad. Apply at this office or to Mr. R. Hager, Grimsby Centre.

—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed in the Presbyterian church, Grimsby, on Sabbath next, March 4th. Preparatory services will be held in the church on Friday evening March 2nd.

—The contributions to the Patriotic Fund are still pouring in and the amount is being largely increased. We have not yet noticed that any other place of our size has contributed a larger sum than Grimsby.

—The Hamilton Horticultural Society will distribute early next spring about 1000 geranium and colour plants among the Public School pupils upon certain conditions with the view of encouraging a love for flowers among the children.

—We are informed that the Public School pupils were given a half-holiday one afternoon last week. Some said it was in honor of the reported relief of Ladysmith; others said it was on account of the heating apparatus not being in working order.

—Don't forget James Mainland's great auction sale at his residence, Ridge Road, North Grimsby, on Thursday, March 8th at 10 a.m. A fine selection of stock, implements, harness, carriages, household furniture, etc., will be offered for sale by Jas. A. Livingston, Auctioneer. Lunch at noon.

—Wm. Holbrook and family removed to Hamilton this week.

—Miss Grace Meyer is spending a few weeks visiting friends in Toronto.

—Mr. Ralph, of Markham, spent a day with George and E. W. Smith this week.

—Jas A. Hewitt refereed the last Hockey League game between Dundas and the Victorias of Hamilton.

—The Rev. R. Davey, of Scum Creek, preached excellent sermons in the Methodist church a w. and p.m.

—The Rev. W. Gould Brown, B.A. of Hamilton, will preach in the Methodist church on Sunday at both services.

—Geo. Rennie returned on Sunday from Covington, Ky., leaving his brother recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

—For Sale—Two fresh milk cows one with 2nd calf, other with 3rd. Apply to George Southward, at end of Stone Road, Smithville P. O.

—Mrs. P. M. Sanderson, who has been on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Raymond, returned to her home in Buffalo on Wednesday.

—Mrs. Dr. Millward and Mrs. A. M. Millward and two children have gone to Brookville, Pa., to spend a few months with Mrs. W. C. Burnham.

—On Saturday, March 3rd, there will be an auction sale of stock, carriages, buildings, timber, furniture, etc., at the residence of Mrs. J. A. Koskile, Grimsby.

—Mr. S. Houser of Ingersoll, Mr. and Mrs. D. Houser and son, Mr. Simon Houser and family of Campbell, visited their sister, Mrs. H. S. Hummel on Wednesday.

—The Free Library Board has had a supply of member's tickets prepared. It is to be hoped that they will be freely used in the Village and throughout the Township of North Grimsby.

—Cedar posts just received this week at Grimsby Planing Mills, a car of fine cedar posts. Get in your supply now while the sleighing lasts. Mills opposite G. T. R., Daniel Marsh.

—For Sale—One horse lumber sleigh, bobs, large box, in good condition, cost \$40 sell for \$20; also Mikado cutter, two seats, cost \$75, sell for \$35. To respectable party time given for the interest. Wm. Forbes.

—Sunday's storm reduced the temperature to the lowest point reached here this season, several degrees below zero having been registered. Reports from other points indicate that difficulty was experienced in heating the churches and that in a few places, Sunday School classes were dismissed.

—To Rent—Lot of about 3 acres well set to fruit of all kinds in bearing, one mile west of Grimsby Village, along the Electric Road. House, barn and out-buildings thereon, and hard and soft water. Possession immediately. Apply to J. S. Randall, Electric Station, Grimsby, Ont.

—On Monday last, when the thermometer marked some degrees below zero, Cyrus Milmine brought into the Independent Office, a mottled butterfly which flew round in a lively manner for some time in the presence of several spectators. It was then taken charge of by a local entomologist for further examination.

—One day last week as S. Mabey's horse was standing hitched to the buggy in front of the shop, he was suddenly startled and ran back through J. A. Livingston's yard. He guided the buggy safely over several fences, between trees, around buildings, past the Methodist church, up Depot St. and back to the starting point, doing the least possible damage on the way.



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The following prices will bring trade our way on Saturday:

20 lbs. best Granulated Sugar for ... \$1.00
Tin best Jersey Cream Soda for25
Ginger Snaps, 5 lbs for25
Crisper Snaps, 5 lbs for25
Union Jack Soap, 5 bars for25
Cocoa, 2 lbs for25
Best Baking Powder, per lb, only15
Self-rising Buckwheat Flour, package15

Fresh Breakfast Foods.

Shredded Whole Wheat Biscuits.
Grape Nuts.
Rolled Wheat.
Rolled Oats.
Gold Dust Corn Meal.
Good Coffee only 25c per lb.
Try Tactica tea.

Wanted — GOOD Butter and FRESH Eggs.

T. J. NOBLE.

—Wanted—A load of oats. Apply at office of J. H. Groat & Co., Grimsby, Ont.

—Lost—A light goat robe on Feb. 23 between Palmer's school house and Grimsby Centre. Finder please leave at Independent Office.

—To Rent—The house on Depot street, now occupied by myself. Can give possession on March 5th. The house is very warm and comfortable and has both hard and soft water inside. Apply to W. C. Durham, on the premises.

—The news of the surrender of Cronje to Lord Roberts on Tuesday gave intense satisfaction throughout the British Empire. The part taken by our Canadian soldiers was especially praised, several more losing their lives in the great battle.

—Considering the weather on Wednesday last, there was a fairly good attendance at the Parlor concert at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Nelles, and a very pleasant time was spent. Mrs. Fairbrother, Mrs. Kerman, Mrs. P. Uwin, the Misses M. Fairbrother, Kerman and Metcalfe and Mr. Vidal contributed to the enjoyment of the evening.

—The Rev. Wray R. Smith attended the executive of the Ontario Province Sunday School Association in Toronto on Tuesday, when the resignation of Mr. Alfred Day, the Travelling Secretary was received. Steps were taken towards appointing a suitable and efficient successor in his place. The salary was placed at \$1200.00 a year.

Died.

WATT—On Feb. 21, 1900, near Tilsonburg, Ont., Robert Watt, aged 50 years.

GAHE—At the residence of her son Isaac in Grimsby Township on Feb. 25th, 1900, Harriett relict of the late John Gane, at the age of 91 years and six months.

PALMER—At the residence of his brother W. P. Palmer, North Grimsby on Friday Feb. 23rd, 1900, John C. Palmer, at the age of 53 years.

WALKER—In Hamilton on Tuesday Feb. 27th, 1900, W. F. Walker, Q. C. at the age of 54 years.

Smoking Stunts the Growth of Boys.

Whatever difference of opinion there may be upon the advisability of smoking for men, there is none as to its pernicious effect upon boys. It affects the action of the heart and reduces the capacity of the lungs. Young men who are being trained for athletics are not permitted to smoke by their trainers because, as they say, "It is bad for the wind." The argument that will appeal most forcibly to your boy is that smoking will stunt his growth. It has been proved that youthful smokers are shorter and weigh less than their comrades who do not smoke. Cigarettes are particularly injurious. Nicotine, the active principle of tobacco, is said by chemists to be, next to prussic acid, the most rapidly fatal poison known. The tender tissues of a growing boy cannot absorb even a very small quantity of it without most injurious results. —February Ladies' Home Journal.

TOO LATE.

Some very interesting correspondence from Beausville arrived too late for insertion this week.

Central O. K. House.

"Grimsby's Favorite Shopping Place."

Our February Dry Goods Sale.

The selling has gone on steadily and satisfactorily for half the month, and the interest of our dry goods offerings will be fully sustained with immense bargains for the remaining weeks of February.

25 Pieces of dress goods ranging from 35 to 50c yd. clearing price 25c yd.

All Mantles at Less Than HALF PRICE

Lace Curtains
4 special lines.
50 pair 2 1/2 yds long, 25c pair
" 2 1/2 " 50c pair
" 3 " 75c pair
" 3 " extra wide, \$1
5 ft wood curtain poles, 4 colors, 25c each.

Carpets
Balance of this month we will save you 10c yd on Union carpets. See the heavy weights, attractive patterns, at 25 and 35c yd. 3 pieces Tapestry carpets, regular 50c, clearing at 40c yd.

New Wall Papers for Spring

Over 6000 rolls have been added to our stock this month. Prices range from 5 to 50c roll.

We have bought heavy in 3 of the best selling lines—5, 8 and 10c. 25 different patterns at 5c roll. Borders and ceilings to match. All shades in Ingrains and new stripes, borders and ceilings to match.

GROCERIES

An interesting list that will appeal to every buyer.
4 lbs. domestic apples 25c.
3 bottles mixed pickles 25c.
3 cans peas or tomatoes 25c.
On Saturday 5 extra corn 25c.
4 pkgs. corn starch 25c.
4 lbs. brown sugar 25c.
Best salmon 2 for 25c.
2 lbs. tin made biscuits 25c.
12 lbs. corn meal 25c.
5 lbs. rice 25c.
Salmon 10c tin

Special Prices in Crockery.

A. F. HAWKE.
GRIMSBY

Obituary.

ROBERT WATT.
On Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1900, Robert Watt died at his residence near Tilsonburg, Ont., at the age of 50. He was the son of James and Elizabeth Watt, now of Vinemount but formerly of South Grimsby, where Robert was born and where he lived for 30 years. After living for five years at Vinemount, he removed to his farm near Tilsonburg. From his youth he had been troubled with a cough. Six years ago he contracted a heavy cold which settled upon his lungs and he gradually declined. He leaves a widow but no children. The remains were taken to Vinemount, thence to Grimsby where they were interred in the Presbyterian Church cemetery on Feb. 26th. Rev. A. McD. Haig, of Smithville, conducted the ceremony. Mrs. Watt has the sympathy of the entire community in her bereavement.

JOHN C. PALMER.

John C. Palmer, a well-known citizen, is no more. Although Mr. Palmer had been in poor health for some time yet his end was both sudden and unexpected. He was staying with his brother, W. P. Palmer, North Grimsby, and was in his usual health up to a short time previous to his death, when he was seized with paralysis and passed away. Deceased lived in Grimsby a great part of his life, working as a machinist in the agricultural works of Groat & Co. Several years ago he went west and secured a good position in St. Paul, but failing health compelled him to give it up and return to Grimsby. The funeral took place on Monday to the Presbyterian Church cemetery.

Communication.

Editor Independent.

Sir,—It has often occurred to the writer of this, the very thought that Mr. Woolverton has so ably suggested and which you commented upon in last week's issue. It seems a pity that some one who is able for the work should let the years pass and not write a history of Lincoln county. In the adjoining county Inspector Smith has written a history of Wentworth that was so acceptable that the county council distributed a large number in each municipality at the county's expense. As Mr. Woolverton says, the old landmarks will soon be across the "great divide," in fact the great majority have passed. Still they have left some and daughters who can remember incidents that their fathers have told them that would be interesting. They, too, are well on in the "ere and yellow leaf," and it behooves us to make haste to make amends for negligence in the past. This country is young. We have not got the legendary lore that some countries have, but we have a history. Things that appeared of no moment to the pioneers of this country would make interesting reading to their descendants. Is there one of us that is nearing the meridian of life or past it that cannot recall how he sat around the hearth with eyes sparkling and cheeks aglow as he listened to some old patriarch whose form was bent and brow furrowed o'er with care, tell of the hardships of the pioneer days? The older we get, the more reminiscent we become, so those old settlers loved to tell of the early days when the country was young. It was noticeable, too, that though their minds, on account of extreme old age, might be clouded in regard to the moment, yet speak of the past, their hearing became acute, their eyes became more bright, their minds as clear as a bell. Nothing was more interesting to our young ears than to hear them tell of their travels through the trackless forest, lost in miles of lonely woods until they found what was to them their promised land. Our young hands would twitch as they told us of taking down the rifle to hunt the deer and the wolves, and sometimes to keep off marauding Indians. Then how they struggled and toiled to build the log house, then the barn, logged their first fallow, took their first miles with oxen or on horseback, got their mail very rarely and various other hardships we now know nothing about. By their industry, frugality and struggle for civil and religious liberty, they have left us a glorious heritage which we should try to perpetuate. The study of the history of one's own country develops patriotism of the highest type, and as loyalty should commence at home, by no better way can we engender loyalty in the breasts of the young than by giving them a history of their own locality. If it would be of interest to your readers, I will give some historical reminiscences of the early days from records at present in my care.

DAVID JACKSON.
Fulton, Feb. 26, 1900.
Ed.—Thanks, Mr. Jackson, let our readers have them.

Completely surprised—a full week without headache. I'd always keep Pink Powders on hand.

Stop Coughing

Every cough makes your throat more raw and irritable. Every cough congests the lining membrane of your lungs. Cease tearing your throat and lungs in this way. Put the parts at rest and give them a chance to heal. You will need some help to do this, and you will find it in

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From the first dose the quiet and rest begin: the tickling in the throat ceases; the spasm weakens; the cough disappears. Do not wait for pneumonia and consumption but cut short your cold without delay.

Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral Plaster should be over the lungs of every person troubled with a cough.

Write to the Doctor.

Chemical analysis and long experience conclusively prove its value for giving you medical advice. Write for all the particulars in your case. Tell us what your experience has been with our Cherry Pectoral. You will receive a prompt reply, without cost.

Address, Dr. J. C. Ayer, Lowell, Mass.

Beamsville, Mar. 1.

On Saturday W. Willoughby, shipped another car of wheat to the James Goldie Co., Guelph. Mr. Willoughby buys for and ships to the Goldie Mills direct and pays the farmers the highest market price for their wheat.

Mrs. Wm. Groves and Mrs. Ryckman are visiting friends in Buffalo.

Miss Fannie Gibson is entertaining to-night.

Clare McIntyre is on the first night.

The boys gave a party in the hall Friday night, which proved a grand success.

Miss Nettie Higgins has returned from St. Catharines.

Miss Teresa and Myrtle Groves have returned from a visit at Fenwick.

Miss A. Gibson has been visiting friends in Grimsby.

L. Renand was in Hamilton last week.

The Fenian Raid medals were distributed in the town hall last Thursday night.

A good program was given by the Misses Gibson, Groves, Coates, Oldham, Reid, Ayers, Tufford, Simpson, and Messrs. H. S. Prudhomme, Tufford, Fuzzythe, Poole and Hornbrook. A collection was taken up for the Patriotic Fund, which amounted to \$18.

W. Ennis spent Sunday in Hamilton.

Mrs. C. E. Hall and Mrs. Wm. Gibson are improving.

Miss Dot Coates and Miss Fannie Gibson attended the skating party in Grimsby.

Mrs. Tufford, St. Catharines, is visiting in town.

Auction Sale—Remember the big sale at John F. Rittenhouse's seat Tuesday, Mar. 7.

A splendid lot of farm stock and implements will be offered. Sale at 10 a. m.; lunch at noon. J. A. Livingston, auctioneer.

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J. F. Rittenhouse's Big Sale.

The auction sale at John F. Rittenhouse's one mile north of Mennonite church (on stone road) in the township of Clinton, will probably be one of the biggest sales held in the township for some time. He has been gathering a large stock around him for many years and now that he has decided to retire from farming, everything will be offered without reserve.

The sale will commence sharp at 10 o'clock a. m. on Wednesday, March 7, and a lot of lunch will be provided at noon. Terms 8 months.

Jas. A. Livingston, auctioneer.

Nice to take—everyone likes them—

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Winona.

Mrs. D. J. Smith gave a progressive Euchre party on Wednesday evening last, to a large number of her friends mostly from the city.

Mrs. I. E. VanDuser gave a progressive Crokinole party on the same evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jobs White are suffering from grip, everybody hopes for their speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Smith are giving a large party on the 28th, it being the fortieth anniversary of their wedding.

Robt. Doubrough is moving back to this vicinity.

Rev. Wray R. Smith preached here on Sunday last, the weather was most unfavorable. Rev. Robt. Davey filled his position in Grimsby.

Lincoln County Conservative Association.

The annual meeting was held in St. Catharines on Feb. 24th, and was well attended despite the disagreeable weather. After the President had welcomed the delegates and the secretary had read the minutes of the previous meeting, Messrs. B. Clark, Merritt, Ald. King and C. W. Cavers, of St. Catharines, were appointed scrutineers and the election of officers was proceeded with. The previous officers were re-elected, as follows: President, J. H. Ingersoll; Vice President, Col. Gregory; Secretary, H. O'Loughlin; Treasurer, M. Y. Kenting. J. W. Coy, E. A. Lancaster, J. C. Rykert and Dr. Jessop were chosen representatives to the Liberal-Conservative Union. Resolving speeches were made by Messrs. J. W. Coy, W. H. Wilson, J. A. Shaw, A. W. Ramsey, J. D. Bennett, Major Hiscott, Capt. Towers, O. N. Hornsberger, Candidate E. A. Lancaster, Dr. Jessop, M. P. P. and Provincial Organizer A. W. Wright, and intense enthusiasm prevailed. Resolutions were passed approving the action of the Conservative leaders in Ottawa and Toronto, the sending of the Canadian contingents to South Africa, sympathizing with the relatives of those killed or wounded and condemning the Ontario Government's policy in connection with railway bonuses as corrupt. The county council was thanked for the use of the court room, and after hearty cheers for the Queen, the convention adjourned.

Farmers' Institute Meeting.

From the Express we copy the address given at the recent meeting at Beamsville:

Mr. A. Elliott, of Galt, was very flatteringly introduced by the President and gave an address on "Corn in the silo in connection with dairying."

He said it was a mistake not to bring out the boys at the afternoon meeting, as they were more susceptible in taking up anything new than the older portion of the community.

The dairying industry is only in its infancy as it is only a comparatively short time since the people began to engage in it. The dairymen's association started factories in many parts of Canada without a dollar being granted by the Government, and while he found no fault with the Government for making grants to different associations, thought perhaps if they were left on their own resources they would have to display more push and energy, or they would not succeed.

In dairying a silo is almost a necessity for furnishing the proper kind of feed to cause a good flow of milk. I do not feed ensilage alone, but mixed with chaff or cut straw. We grow corn for silage the silo, and a variety that will mature the grain. In preparing for corn, plough down a seed, work it well with a disc and ordinary harrow, prefer to let it lie about a week before planting, that the soil may get warm, so that the seed will come up at once and grow right along. Plant in hills three feet apart or in hills three feet apart and kernels about seven or eight inches apart in the row. Use the weeder until it is about 2 1/2 feet high, then the cultivator the balance of the season, but cultivate shallow in the latter part of the season. To ensure a good crop you must nearly live in the field. In cutting corn for the silo, do it at the same time you would ordinary field corn—when it is properly glazed.—In filling the silo, see that the leaves are well mixed with the cob and tramp thoroughly.—If the corn should be a little dry, thoroughly wet the top when full and cover with chaff. Mr. Hunter—why do you not let corn mature as you advocate for other mature as you advocate for corn? Ans., because there is more food in corn as it approaches maturity, more woody fibre in clover.

Mr. S. Hunter gave a few practical ideas on "underdraining." He was satisfied that it paid well to underdrain. He had been on two farms underdrained. He had been on two farms underdrained. He had been on two farms underdrained.

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the soil dry and friable. You can now earlier in the spring and early sowing always bring the best results—whereas I draw a water furrow there I put an underdrain. In getting the level, I use a piece of scantling 2 x 3 inches and 6 ft. long, and a spirit level. D. J. McKinnon—How deep do you advocate putting in your tile? Ans.—2 1/2 feet.

Mr. E. D. Smith, Winona, gave a very instructive address on "Fruit Culture, from a practical standpoint."

The first thing to be done before you set out any kind of fruit, is to underdrain and subsoil your land both ways—plant good trees, set early and do not have your trees too large, peach trees not over 3 feet high; you must have the soil rich and keep it so if you wish to grow good fruit and we must aim to produce a first class article if we expect to obtain the highest price on the market. I think pears is one of the most profitable kinds of fruit.

They sold from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per bushel in the British market last season. We competed successfully with California we should hold the market for all our fruit and I think it's a shame that we should allow California to take the trade from us.—Apples are a very important crop, and we can grow them successfully if we are only energetic enough to fight the pests that attack them. I sprayed my apple orchard thoroughly and put bandages around the trees, examining them once a week and found practically no insects but found plenty of wormy apples, the trouble came from my neighbors' orchards—we should have a law making it compulsory for all fruit growers to spray their orchards.—Mr. Houser, Would you advise planting an apple orchard at present?—Ans., Yes if you plant the right varieties.

Mr. C. W. Naab, of Toronto, gave a short talk on "common sense spraying." It is an acknowledged fact that if we must spray all of our fruit trees, if we expect to reap any reward for the expense of putting out and caring for them. We must have a uniform system of spraying. If we had used our observation more, many years ago we would have been spared the expense and trouble we now have to face.

There are two classes of insects we have to fight—those that eat and bite large to small—those that suck. For the destruction of the former, an application of Paris green in proper proportions used at all times, except when the trees are in bloom, and for the latter, a solution of English soft soap of from 1 lb soap to 2 gallons of water, from 8 or 9 for some work. If or even 8 or 9 for some work. If men will not take care of their fruit trees, I think they should be compelled.

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CANADIAN HEROES.

When the news of the relief of Kimberley flashed across the wires last week, a thrill of joy was aroused and flags were raised in honor of the occasion. But immediately afterwards came the advice that a number of brave Canadians had been killed and more wounded. Joy gave way to sorrow. The flags were lowered to half-mast. The heart of Canada went out to the relatives of those who had fallen in the struggle. In parliament and legislature, in council room and lodge room, in church and school, in the press and on the platform, in the crowded car and by the quiet fireside, the kindest words of tenderest sympathy have been used with reference to the bereaved ones, and most graceful tributes of well-deserved praise have been bestowed upon our dead heroes. In Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the same sentiment prevails. Sympathetic and enthusiastic messages from the Motherland and from South Africa endorse and intensify this sentiment.

Perhaps never before has the bond of sympathy and unity within our borders been so strong. Deep common sorrow tends to strengthen that bond. Lodge men, more than our greatest joys. This ed towards with equal force to our sister Fund.

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Notes and Comments.

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Boards to appoint Dental Surgeons and require the compulsory examination of pupils' teeth. The President was requested to appoint a committee to draft a petition to the Legislature favoring the object. Though we are not ready to say that the time has come when public money should be spent in this way, there is no doubt that in too many cases, the teeth of the children do not receive sufficient attention. Regular examinations by competent dentists would prevent much pain and ill-health on the part of those whose teeth may be inclined to early decay.

The first annual report of the Orthopedic Hospital, Toronto, is to hand. This institution is devoted exclusively to the treatment of the lame, the crippled and the deformed. During the period of fifteen months covered by the report, a steady increase of useful work has been accomplished. Patients to the number of 172 were received from Toronto and 72 other places in Canada and United States, and 136 were discharged; 100 were under 14 years of age, 98 were males. The charge for public patients is 40 cents a day. Provisions is also made for the destitute poor at this deserving institution

ANOTHER WARNING.

Look Out For Them.

A farmer living a short distance from Woodstock has lately fallen a victim to an ingenious swindle, the particulars of which are published as a safeguard to readers who may be approached by the same smooth-tongued rascal who perpetrated the deed. Some time ago a respectable looking individual approached this farmer at his home, with a sample of stock food which he designated the Chicago Stock Food. He had a variety of testimonials among them which he claimed had been given by government experimental stations. He persuaded his victim to take a small quantity at 30c per lb., then wrote out an order which the unsuspecting farmer signed. A short time ago, the latter received 600 lbs. of the stock food, which he took away from the station under the impression that it was the supply which the agent had sold to the farmers of the neighborhood, and which he would take away from his place and distribute among his various patrons. Imagine the farmer's surprise when a stranger called at his farm the other day with a promissory note for \$180.00 for which he demanded payment. It is the old story—the signature in his own hand writing and the goods for which the payment calls are in his possession. He will simply be obliged to pay the note without redress.

Blown to atoms—driven from the crutches—the swarming germs of La Grippe by Pink Powders.

Held up last night—a terrible headache by Wiley's Pink Powders.

South Grimsby Council.

The Municipal Council of the Township of South Grimsby met pursuant to adjournment at Howell's Hall, Smithville, on Saturday, Feb. 17, 1900.

Members all present. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

A statement was received from the collector showing that the township taxes were all collected with the exception of \$8.88, the same having been returned against property on which nothing could be found to distrain.

A statement was also read from the treasurer showing the amount of money on hand and also the liabilities of the township.

A petition was presented signed by Oliver Tallman and 64 others, requesting assistance to erect a house for Mrs. Joseph Horton, whose house was unfortunately burned some weeks ago.

Mrs. Tallman and Mr. Fritshaw appeared before the council in support of the petition.

Messrs. H. F. Bridgman and E. A. More, auditors, presented their report.

Moved by Mr. Secor, seconded by Mr. Patterson, that the Auditors' Report be received and adopted, and that they be paid \$4 each for their services. Carried.

On motion of Messrs. Book and Telfer a bylaw was introduced and passed appointing fence viewers, pound keepers and pathmasters for the year 1900. The following persons were appointed

fence viewers—Elgin Oill, Farmer Merritt, J. H. Beckwith, Silas Wardell and A. P. McCollom.

Poundkeepers—Isaac Wardell, Caleb J. Nelson, B. Little, S. R. Cartwright, Emerson Peck, A. A. Jacobs, Oliver Tallman, John T. Game and J. H. Schweitzer.

Pathmasters—Joseph Bradt, Aaron A. Nelson, Alfred Binell, Hamilton Jacobs, W. H. Jacobs, John J. Reid, Marshall S. Merritt, Isaac H. Nelson, Elgin Oill, Frank Travis, W. J. Percell, G. W. Meir, B. H. Walker, Alex. Milmine, James Ross, E. J. Roszel, Samuel Zerbrigg, Martin V. Johnson, J. B. Terryberry, Albert Milmine, John Cushman, John O. Hoffman, Charles Fritshaw, W. E. Field, Samuel McIntyre, James L. Hoffman, John A. Book, Aaron Melick, Lewis Culp, Charles Schuck, A. P. McCollom, T. A. Hunt, Herbert Travis, G. L. Griffin, S. Bernard, Norman Bartlett, Wesley Merritt, Delmar Nelson, R. F. Naisb, James Joslin, Samuel Sweet, Thomas I. Kettle, Albert Stewart, Lucian Zemonien, Charles Book, A. D. Middaugh, Alex. Coon, R. J. Baldwin, P. T. Pysher, W. A. Roberts, W. G. McCollom, Jonathan Shrumm, George H. Moon, Charles Kiliott.

Moved by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Secor, that the statute labor on property in Smithville, assessed to Amos B. Adkins, be performed on Road Div. No. 53 in place of Div. No. 50. Carried.

Moved by Messrs. Telfer and Book, that the petition of Oliver Tallman and 64 others, asking aid to rebuild Mrs. Joseph Horton's house, be received, and that the sum of \$35.88 be granted by this council, the same to be paid to Oliver Tallman, and the Reeve issue his cheque for the same. Carried.

On motion of Messrs. Book and Telfer, a bylaw was introduced and passed to raise a sum of money by way of a loan to defray the expenses of the township until the taxes are collected.

On motion of Messrs. Patterson and Secor, that the clerk write to the various saw mill men in the vicinity asking for tenders for 4000 feet white oak plank, 8 1/2 inches thick, 12 and 16 feet long, the Reeve and Councillors Book and Secor be a committee for purchasing the same. Carried.

Council adjourned to meet at Howell's hall, Smithville, on April 7. Edward Irvine, Clerk.

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"Not for me," said Charley, coldly. "I
shall never plead for her favor; I leave
her for Sir Harry Dudley—my very dear
friend," and he smiled scornfully. "I
thank you, then, for your candor, rest
assured and shall never give Miss Nel-
son reason to complain of being loved by
me again. Good-night," he bowed, and
was gone before Rose could recover from
her surprise, sufficiently to detain him.
"Heigho!" said Rose, looking after him,
with something between a smile and a
sigh; "poor fellow; it's a pity, too. What
will Maggie say when I tell her? He's a
handsome fellow, too; what splendid
eyes he has! I wonder if he will see her
before he goes! Heaven! he's deeper in
love than I thought. What fools I
make of the best of us!" And with this
wistful conclusion, to which graver thoughts
that hers had often come before and
will come again to the end of the chapter,
Rose retired to her chamber.

When Charley left her, he strode
rapidly through the rooms for a few mo-
ments, in the hope of meeting the hon-
orable, to pay his respects before leaving.
As he was passing through the drawing
room, his eye fell on a couple, sitting
within the shadow of a deep bay-window.
He needed no second glance to tell him
who they were. Sir Henry was in the
act of raising his hand to his lips. The
sight seemed to send a sudden pang to
his heart, yet he was too proud to let it
be seen. With a scornful smile on his
lip, he passed on.

Maggie suddenly looked up, and meet-
ing his eyes, colored to the temples. He
bowed coldly, and with the same con-
temptuous smile, passed them, and went
out. Half an hour after, he sat in his
own apartments, while his servant was
busily engaged in packing his luggage for
immediate departure for England.

CHAPTER XXVII

SOME AGAIN.

"Let there be for you, Master Charley,"
said the valet-de-chambre of Mr. Sidney,
entering his room, a few minutes after
his return, with a package in his hand.

Charley took them. There were only
two, one from Kate and the other from
Fitzgerald, who, a short time before, had
been ordered to England. Leaving, in
true brotherly fashion, Kate's for the
last, he opened the dragon's, and said:

"Dear Charley:—If you look at the
date of this letter (which I suppose you
won't, unless you are told beforehand),
you will see I am at present domiciled
at Lirritole. First, Charley, it is a
perfect paradise of a place. How you
ever came to leave it, I must confess,
beyond me entirely. To be sure there is
not much fun, but there is capital shoot-
ing, and I keep the table pretty well
supplied. There is a game of another
kind, too—a most charming maiden lady;
somewhat antiquated, I must confess,
but all the wiser for that. Her name is

Miss Dickett. I suppose you know her.
She knows you, however; she tells about
you to me. You must have an uneasy
conscience of your own. I made her
love to her from the moment of my first
arrival; and she folds her arms and sub-
limely swears me that 'till all very fine
—so hit her! but, confound it, I don't seem
to make the least impression on her
heart. She is not half so easily courted as
Miss Peggy O'Flaherty—a lady I once
knew. Eh, Charley?

"I suppose, now, you are puzzling your
brains to find out what drove me to Lir-
ritole. Well, you see, I met Lord Ar-
ndale (capital fellow he is, too) shortly af-
ter my arrival; and as he and I were fast
friends, 'once upon a time,' at Etton, he
told me a melancholy story about his
lady love being carried off to some un-
known region by a 'person or persons un-
known,' as the coroner says, when he
brings in a verdict of murder. Shortly
after that I lost sight of him for a while
—but the other day he wrote me a letter
saying all was as right as a trivet again
—that Miss Desmond (who, by the way,
is duced pretty) had turned up again,
and begging me to come immediately to
Lirritole. Of course I complied; and
here I am. 'I came, I saw, I conquered.'
No, I didn't conquer, either—Miss Dick-
ett holds out still.

"I think, Charley, Arndale has some
notion of getting married soon, and wants
me to keep him in countenance. It is an
awful thing to do, Charley—to be launch-
ed into matrimony without even a
friend to even drop a tear of pity! But
alas! my feelings will not allow me to
dwell on this melancholy theme, or I
might make many touching reflections
upon it, which might be of service to you
in the future.

"The Earl is rather a serious old con-
stant; but that is overruled by the

recent loss of his wife. What a sorry
creature she must have been! I have
seen her portrait.

"I cannot think of anything else to say
—except that Miss Dickett has begged me
with tears in her eyes (caused by recent-
ly peeling onions), to warn you against
associating with them (Hilish, which is
too vulgar to be looked at). I use her
own touching words; let them make a
due impression upon you.

"Write my love to Peggy O'Flaherty
and her brother Mickey, and write soon to
Yours, etc.

"Maurice Fitzgerald."

"By the way, Charley, what a spicy
little piece of womanhood that sister of
yours is. She cross-questioned me as
closely as a cautious lawyer about you.
Heaven forgive me for all the lies I had
to tell her. Well, nabackish. —M.F."

"Talk of the pith of a woman's letter
being in the postscript," muttered Char-
ley, "the first sentence in his explains
the secret attraction of Lirritole. Now
then for Kate's."

He tore it open and read:
"My Dear Brother:—I have been so
busy, and passed through so many trou-
bles of late, that I could not find time
to write to you. I suppose you have heard
the Countess is dead; poor Aunt Madeline!
Her story was a sad one; but she
has found rest at last."

"After a storm there came a calm,"
as they say, and so it is with us. After
all our troubles, we have settled down at
Lirritole, in peace, once more. The
Earl bears the loss of his wife better
than I thought he would; he is growing
quite resigned, and has changed so, you
would hardly know him.

"I suppose you have seen Maggie Nelson
in Dublin. Poor wild Maggie! Lirritole
was a lovely place for her. She's a dear,
good-hearted little creature, after all. I
hope some day to hear a nearer relation-
ship to her than that of cousin. Shall I
not, dear Charley?"

Charley's face flushed hotly, and then
grew pale, as he again resumed the letter.
"There is a light dragon, a dashing,
handsome young man, staying here now.
I must confess Lirritole would be in-
credibly dull, were it not for him; he is a
most amusing person. He seems to know
you very well, and speaks highly of the
difficulties with which you pursue your
studies. I am delighted to hear it, for I
extolled I had my doubts."

"Can you not obtain leave and come
home for a few weeks, at least, until
after Harry is married. Do try, Charley,
and believe me, none will be happier to
see you again than your affectionate sister."

Charley threw down the letter, and be-
gan pacing the floor rapidly, up and
down. Kate's request would furnish him
with an excuse for returning to Lir-
ritole, and the real cause would never be
suspected. Sitting down, he hastily in-
serted a note to the heads of the college,
saying he was obliged to return im-
mediately to England.

Morning found him on the deck of a
steamer, leaving the green shores of Erin
far behind. His face was pale, and the
dark circles under his eyes betokened
a sleepless night.

Kate's words were gall and worm-
wood to his wounded heart. Once he
had loved to call Maggie by a dearer
name than that of cousin, but that hope
was gone now. How should he meet the
many questions concerning her, which
Kate would be sure to ask him, when the
very mention of her name nearly drove
him wild? He paced up and down the
deck, with rapid, nervous strides, while
the other passengers gazed on him, won-
dering to see another, if that pale, wild-
looking man, hadn't broken loose from
some jail or lunatic asylum. And, in-
deed, he excited manner gave sufficient
grounds for such a conclusion.

CHAPTER XXVIII

"LAST SCENE OF ALL."

Charley's welcome to Lirritole was a
warm one, but all saw that something
lay heavily on his spirits. The happy,
joyous look that had once been his, was
gone, and in its place a deep-settled mel-
ancholy look took possession of his mind.

He would sit for hours gazing idly on
vacancy; then, as if something within
made him resolve to shake off the lethargy,
that lay on him, he would become
suddenly gay, and go off with Fitzgerald
and Lord Arndale, the happiest of the
happy, apparently. But it was easily
seen his mirth was forced, there was a
hollow echo in his gayest laugh, a care-
worn look on his once gay, careless young
face, that betrayed the cancer-worm at
the core of all. Poor Charley! do what
he would, Maggie still held undisputed
away in his heart.

"To most of the family he became a
puzzle. Fitzgerald and Arndale recog-
nized a change of diet, saying they
thought he showed symptoms of ap-
oplexy; sometimes, when he became un-
usually moody, going so far as to advise
a strait-jacket. Miss Dickett asserted
that she 'knew it would happen,'
living among them vulgar Hilish, and
the earl looking pityingly upon him, say-
ing:

"Poor fellow! he has studied so hard
of late, he is losing health!"

Kate, with the true instinct of woman-
hood, guessed the truth. Several times
she ventured to approach the subject,
but on these occasions Charley invariably
answered with impatient petulance, very
unlike his former easy good-nature. And
if she persisted in probing the wound, he
invariably got up and walked out of the
room.

At last Kate resolved to write to Mag-
gie, on explanation. An answer soon
came—a very long epistle it was too.
What it contained nobody could tell, but
it must have been satisfactory, for a
smile broke over Kate's face as she ut-
tered a very prolonged, "oh!" and ex-
claimed when she finished it:

"This explains all. What a little
ment Maggie! Poor Charley!"

Her tone was sympathetic, but the
laugh which accompanied it did not seem
to say he was much to be pitied. Had
Charley known she was laughing at him
he would undoubtedly have been very in-
dignant.

It was a rainy, pleasant afternoon.
The windows of the old mansion at Lir-
ritole were wide open to allow ingress to
the light breeze. Lord Arndale and Fitz-
gerald were off in the woods with their
dogs and guns. The earl sat during his
arm-chair, for the trial of the post
mouth had rendered him a feeble old
man. Little Magdalen lay under the
shade of an old oak in the park, with her
arms around the neck of Prince, her
favorite water-spaniel, gazing dreamily
up at the patches of blue sky which she
could see through the leaves. Miss Dick-
ett was marching in stately dignity
through the house, brush in hand, pur-
suing with unrelenting vengeance every
cobweb and speck of dust and brushing
with the grim determination of learning
all spiders and other "noxious insects" that
she was not to be trifled with.

Suddenly a carriage drove up the long
drive in front, and a young lady closely
veiled entered. She ran lightly up the
steps, entered the parlor, and was clasped
in the arms of Kate. Throwing back
her veil, the newcomer disclosed the
pretty features of Maggie Nelson.

"Have you told him, Kate?" said
Maggie, as she threw off her bonnet and
shawl.

"Not a word," said Kate, smiling. "I
left that for you."

"Where is he now?" inquired Maggie.
"Upstairs in the library."

Without waiting to hear more, Maggie
darted off and ran upstairs. She softly
opened the library door, and there stood,
hesitatingly, whether to advance or re-
treat.

Charley lay on his face on the lounge
at the further end of the room. For a
moment she stood beside him. A little
hand was laid lightly on his shoulder,
and a half sob fell on his ear:

"Maggie!" he exclaimed.

"Yes. Oh! dear Charley, do forgive
me," sobbed poor Maggie, clasping her
arms around his neck.

He grew very pale; and Maggie could
feel his heart beating wildly against her
side; but he resolutely put up his hands,
and strove to unchain her encircling arms.

"Oh, Charley, don't, don't, don't send
me away; I'll never do it again, 'you say
you won't!' sobbed Maggie, still cling-
ing to him.

"I cannot, Maggie, I cannot!" he ex-
claimed, bitterly, "why have you come
again to drive me wild? Go, leave me—
what would Sir Harry Dudley say?"

"I don't care one pin for him, indeed I
don't, he's only a hateful, empty-headed,
brainless dandy, and I hate him!" said
Maggie, still sobbing.

"And I suppose you have often spoken
of me like this, when clinging to his
neck?" exclaimed Charley scornfully.

"No, never; and I don't cling to his
neck either!" said Maggie, a little indig-
nantly. "I don't in the habit of embrac-
ing other people's husbands!"

"Hush!" repeated Charley; "what
said anything about husbands?"

"You did!" said Maggie, "you said I
clung to his neck, and I don't thank
you for it, either. The next time I cling
to you, you will tell me of it, I guess—
no there!" and Maggie folded her arms
properly, and drew herself up with dig-
nity.

"But, Maggie, I don't understand; how
can you call Dudley a husband?" said
Charley, looking completely mystified.

"Because he's married, and men are
generally called husbands when they're
married," said Maggie.

"Why—how—what—Sir Harry Dudley
married?" exclaimed Charley; "the Ear-
l's wife to whom?"

"To Miss L'Ollive," said Maggie.

"What a-a-a!" exclaimed Charley, pro-
longing the word infinitely in his amaze-
ment; "you are surely joking, Maggie!"

"I'm not. Read that if you won't be-
lieve me," and Maggie drew a newspaper
from her pocket, and handed it to him.

Charley took the paper, and read:

"Marriage to High Life.—By the Rev.
Dr. Mooney, Sir Henry Dudley, late of
His Majesty's Dragoon, to Miss Rose
L'Ollive."

"Then you will not marry him, Hurray!
I'm the happiest fellow in England."

And in the excitement of his new found
joy, Charley caught Maggie in his arms,
and went whirling her round the room in
a sort of hysterical waltz.

"Good gracious!" ejaculated Maggie,
completely out of breath, for not expect-
ing this sudden assault, she was taken
altogether by surprise. "Good gracious,
Charley Sidney, are you crazy? Oh, don't
do that, you're maddening my older broth-
erly. Oh-oh-oh!" and panting and
breathless, Charley whisked her to the
sofa, and took a most brutal kiss.

"Well, now, if that's not pretty con-
duct! Ain't you ashamed of yourself,
Charley Sidney?" exclaimed Maggie, in-
dignantly, as soon as she recovered
breath to speak. I declare I'll never
speak to you again, for your impetu-
ousness!"

"Oh, now, Maggie," said Charley, in a
penitent tone, putting his arm around
her waist, "you wouldn't be so cruel!
What did Rose L'Ollive, or Lady Dudley,
I suppose I should say, mean by all that
story about you and Sir Harry? And
be, I saw him kiss your hand that night
of the ball. Come, explain, Maggie, I'm
awfully in the dark."

"And awfully jealous, oh, Charley!"
said Maggie laughing.

"Oh, no, not now, but I'm dying to
hear. Go on, Maggie."

"Well, you know," said Maggie, "but
I only wanted to tease you a little, as
I told Dudley not to tell you we were in
Dublin. It wasn't because I cared a
straw for him—no, indeed, I didn't like
him a bit better than the night I met
him here first."

"But he went to see you every day,"
interposed Charley.

"La, no, he didn't come to see me!"
said Maggie; "it was to see Rose; he fell
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Rev. W. M. Cruickshanks and Mrs. Cruickshanks were in town on Monday evening.

Mr. M. O. Merritt had a very successful musical convention at Fort's Road.

Miss B. Seavers went up to Hamilton on Friday for a visit among friends and relatives.

Miss Lottie Bridgman visited friends in village and vicinity on Sunday.

R. Wade, who has enlisted with the Strathcona Horse, was home on Sunday on leave of absence to see his parents and sisters and bid an adieu to his many friends here, who all wish him success and a safe return.

Rev. Mr. Fiddell held a missionary service in McCaffery's church last Lord's Day evening.

There was no service at Muir Settlement on Sabbath last owing to special ones here in Presbyterian church.

N. Field was in Hamilton on Saturday.

Chas. Miller is spending his holidays with his parents at Jordan.

There was no service in the Methodist church on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, Wellandport was in town on Monday.

Word was received in town that the new County Judge would be appointed in a few days. It is time something was done. Court is being adjourned here from day to day.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

The anniversary services of the Presbyterian Church at Smithville were held last Sunday and Monday. On Sunday the Rev. Dr. Fletcher, of Hamilton, occupied the pulpit at both services and delivered two earnest and instructive sermons. On Monday a lecture and entertainment was held in the church when Mr. Harrison of Wellandport sang several selections very acceptably, among them being "The Absent-Minded Beggar," "Her Majesty," and "The Boys of the Old Brigade." The Boys' Brigade of the church sang a popular air to words written by Mr. Haig, bringing the present war story up to date. The church choir assisted on the program. A. M. Paterson also sang "Soldiers of the Queen." The event of the evening being the lecture on "Africa, the Boers and the War," was delivered with all his eloquence and fervor by the Rev. Wm. Patterson, of Cooke's Church, Toronto, and to say that he sustained his reputation is to say the very least that could be said. It was a pity that many who are of pro-Boer tendencies had not been there, as the lecturer would have amply proved to them that Britain is not fighting a republic, is not fighting for grab, but is fighting for what the Americans fought for 100 years or more ago, and for what they fought in Scotland, England and Ireland years ago—liberty and all that it means, and against a foe who threw down the gauntlet and invaded British territory, and was Britain to stand idly by and see them overrun her colony? No! No more than we Canadians would stand still and see the Fenians or any others attempt to invade our own fair land without making a determined stand to prevent it. The gathering was interrupted time and time again with hearty applause. The gathering was brought to a close by singing the Doxology, God Save the Queen, and pronouncing the benediction. The pastor occupied the chair. The accompanists were Mrs. Harrison and Miss B. Elliott.

Grassies Corners.

Mr. and Mrs. Pettinger, of Tilson's, are in town attending the funeral of the late R. Watt, formerly of this place.

Mrs. W. Crown is on the sick list.

What a good thing that the organist was not affected with heart trouble. That surprise might have been serious.

Fred Hysert is home from the lumber woods.

Money is getting so plentiful, a savings bank would be great help to this place.

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George Douglass purchased S. Talman's thoroughbred Chester-white boar a short time ago.

Robert Douglas, son of G. Douglas, St. Catharines, of the Montreal Fruit Exchange was visiting his relatives in this vicinity.

K. Rodgers and the Misses Jessie and Ethel Rodgers were down to their uncle's near Homer over Sunday. Miss Jessie is visiting there for a week or so.

Messrs. Hitchman & Thwaites intend making a drawing for their Al Graphophone and 2 1/2 doz Edison records in a week or so. Tickets can be had for 50c each.

Vineland.

Sol. Davis held an auction sale on the Henry place last Friday, selling the balance of the wood and a share of the hay and oats from last seasons crops. Jas. A. Livingston was the Auctioneer.

The lumber business is in full blast in this section.

E. W. Fry is in Buffalo this week, on a business trip.

Ira Dickout leaves for Buffalo this week.

Mrs. Joe Moyer has returned from a trip to Buffalo.

Nelson Moyer has left for Niagara Falls, N.Y.

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There are so many imitations of Doan's Kidney Pills on the market—some of them absolutely worthless—that we ask you to be particular to see that the full name and the trade mark of the Maple Leaf are on every box you buy. Without this you are not getting the original Kidney Pills, which has cured so many severe cases of kidney complaint in the United States, Australia and England, as well as here in Canada. The Doan Kidney Pill Co., Toronto.

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Facts why you should buy your Diamonds, Watches, Clocks, Silverware, Sterling Silver, and anything in connection with the jewelry line from W. R. Davis, 28 King St. W., Hamilton.

Fact No. 1—He has had 25 years' experience in buying and selling jewelry in the city of Hamilton.

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New Spring Shoes are now coming in at a lively rate, and are opening out in GRAND SHAPE.

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GRIMSBY.

S. H. Teeter Wins His Suit.

The decision of the arbitrators in the case of Teeter vs. Cousins has been taken up and it is favorable to Teeter. The arbitrators were James Hewitt, contractor, Grimsby; D. W. Vanhorn, carpenter, Beamsville, and a contractor from Hamilton. The decision gives S. H. Teeter \$753.15, and Cousins has to pay the costs. The suit grew out of a dispute over the building of a barn. S. H. Teeter took the contract to build a barn for Cousins who lives at Beamsville. He was to use part of the timber out of the old barn and furnish the balance now, as the work proceeded. Cousins claimed that Teeter was using timber that was unfit, and ordered the work stopped. Teeter proceeded. Cousins threatened dire things, but Teeter kept on working. One morning Teeter found a lot of the rafters cut in twain, but still he kept going. Cousins got out an injunction, but Teeter beat him in the argument at Osgoode Hall. Teeter then went to work again. Cousins served a notice on Teeter to quit without prejudice to his right. Teeter quit and went to the courts. Finally it was referred to arbitration with the result as above. It will probably cost Cousins \$1,500 and he has not got a barn yet.

Broom Ball

On Thursday evening, Feb. 22nd, a most interesting game of broom ball was played at Doran's Rink between the following teams: S. Wisner, J. Marlett, J. L. Snyder, W. J. Drope, G. E. Miller, F. Randall, J. Althison, and J. A. Pettit, C. Weaver, E. M. Mibell, F. Uavin, A. Phipps, R. J. Hewat, K. N. Groat. Some of the players were out of practice, not having been on skates for years. But the benefits had a blissful time and the spectators enjoyed rare sport. Such skating and swooping, and swirling and swooping, and swooping and swooping, and calling and falling, etc., gave ample evidence of the closeness of the contest. Referee Brown-Smith at last decided the game in favor of the first team by a score of 8 to 7. It was noticed that several of the contestants have been walking very upright since the game, while others were rarely seen for several days.

The game between picked English, and Canadian teams, billed for Monday night was postponed till Tuesday night on account of the failure of the electric lights. The teams were, Englishmen, W. Farrow, F. M. Unwin, G. W. Meyer, J. W. Unwin, T. Schofield, W. Smith; Canadians, C. Weaver, S. Wisner, W. P. Randall, W. J. Drope, G. E. Miller, J. Althison. As at the capture of Cronje, the Canadians proved equal to the occasion. After a spirited struggle the score stood 5 to 0 in their favor and the evening's sport was closed by singing "The Maple Leaf".

St. Andrew's Church, Grimsby.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held on Friday last when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. A. G. Pettit.
Vice President—Miss Groat.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. G. C. Pettit.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. B. R. Nelles.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. H. Groat.
Delegates—Mrs. G. C. Pettit and Mrs. B. R. Nelles.

Improve the blood: brace up the nerves: strengthen the heart: beautify the complexion: while you sleep—
SINK POWDER.

W. F. WALKER KILLED.

The Well-Known Hamilton Lawyer Met His Death Either by Accident or Design on the O.P.R. Tracks

On Tuesday morning, Feb. 27, W. F. Walker, Q. C., of Hamilton, was killed as he was on his way from his home to his office. The deceased met his death on the O.P.R. track at Charles street, and while it would appear to be an accident at least one witness says that such was not the case. According to the account given by Mrs. Harry Blake to the Hamilton city reporters, Mr. Walker deliberately lay down in front of the engine that killed him. If such was the case the only explanation is that he was suffering from mental aberration.

A BRIEF SKETCH OF HIS CAREER.

William Frederick Walker, M.A., LL.B., Q.C., was born on Dec. 28, 1845, in the township of Clifton, Lincoln county. He received his primary education in the Beamsville Grammar school and graduated at Toronto University in 1867, taking his M.A. in 1869 and LL.B. and medals in 1874. He was called to the bar in December, 1871, and at once entered into partnership with the present Hon. Justice Burton, being appointed a Q.C. by the Dominion government in December, 1889. The partnership with Mr. Burton continued until his elevation to the bench of the Court of Appeal in Ontario, and after this Mr. Walker became the head of the legal firm of Walker, "oots & Lees. For the past few years he had been in business by himself, having withdrawn from the Scott, Lees firm. Mr. Walker held the high position of examiner in law for the University of Toronto, holding the position for the period of four consecutive years—the longest term allowed by law for the same person to hold the office. Of a quiet and gentlemanly disposition, Mr. Walker was liked by a large circle of friends. He was not prominently identified with public affairs, and his latest venture in public matters was his association with the projected Hamilton and Ancaster electric railway. The deceased was married to a daughter of the late Josiah Holmes, of St. Catharines, and leaves a widow and one daughter—Beatrice. Mrs. Walker is a sister of Deputy Adj. Gen. Holmes, of London.

Grimsby Baptist Church.

The anniversary services on Sunday, Feb. 25th, were conducted by Rev. A. L. McCrimmon, Principal of Woodstock College, assisted by the Pastor, Rev. L. Brown. The severity of the weather prevented many from attending, otherwise the audiences would have been much larger. However the church was comfortably filled at both services. Those present enjoyed a rich treat. Principal McCrimmon's morning topic was "The Holy Spirit," and his evening topic, "The glorious Gospel of the blessed God." Both were able and eloquent addresses that cannot but be productive of much good. Special music was well rendered by the choir. Miss Lennie, of Mount Forest, sang a solo at each service. Her rich soprano voice coupled with the matter of her selection added very much to the good effect of the services.

On Sunday next, the pastor, Rev. L. Brown will preach morning and evening. The special services now in progress will be continued during the next few weeks. Pastor J. E. Trotter will preach the Gospel on the remaining evenings of this week. Rev. J. L. Gilmore, of Hamilton, will preach next week. For the accommodation of those desiring to attend the services, a "carry all" will leave Mr. L. Woolverton's from the West at 7.15, and one from the East leaving the Park at 7.30, driven by James Marlow. Miss Lennie, of Mt. Forest, will sing the Gospel at each service. Song service beginning each night except Saturday at 7.45.

The Oanning Factory.

Mr. Henderson, representing Bal four & Co., of Hamilton, was at the office of the Oanning factory on Monday to meet the growers of this vicinity and talk over the matter of contracts. The company expects to put up fruit of all kinds, and tomatoes, but will not handle corn this year. Mr. Henderson offered 20 cents per bushel for tomatoes, but did not get many contracts at that price. He will return again and try to meet the growers' views.

A Wonderful Preparation.

"Rokeo Cereal Coffee," pure, wholesome, nourishing. Highly recommended by physicians. Rokeo is equal to 40c coffee, but costs only 1 the price and is used at your meals instead of poisonous tea and coffee. 10c packages, 15c lb. or 3 lb. for 35c. For sale by A. F. Hawke, Grimsby, the leading meat, chest. Ask for it.

HOCKEY.

On Wednesday evening, last week, the Victoria Juniors of Hamilton came down and engaged the Grimsby Juniors in friendly contest. The teams lined up as follows:

| Victoria. | Grimsby. |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Gentle.....Goal..... | Harrison..... |
| Armstrong..... | Polat..... |
| Wyndham..... | Corcoran..... |
| Montague..... | Vandike..... |
| York..... | Matey..... |
| Truesdale..... | Blair..... |
| Clappison..... | Culp..... |

The visitors' combination was too strong for the local team and the score was in their favor. F. M. Unwin inspired the game.

The same evening the Grimsby Seniors went to Dundas to play a scheduled league game with the club of that town. The play was rather rough, one of our players being knocked out. At the end of the first half the score was 2 to 1 in favor of the Dundas players, who increased the lead somewhat in the second half.

The League game that was billed for Friday evening between Hamilton and Grimsby teams was postponed till Saturday evening, Feb. 24th, for the convenience of our visitors. A large crowd witnessed a good game. It was hockey from first to last. Not a man was ruled off during the evening. The play was very fast at times. Our boys won goals in a few seconds, much to the delight of the audience. At the end of the first half, the score stood 6 to 1 in favor of Grimsby. During the second half each team won 4 goals making the score 11 to 5 in favor of Grimsby. Referee Markie of Dundas gave entire satisfaction. The teams were composed as follows:—

| Grimsby | Hamilton |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Smith.....Goal..... | Morden..... |
| Snyder..... | Point..... |
| Gilson..... | Cove Point..... |
| Hewitt..... | Forwards..... |
| Cowan..... | Stinson..... |
| Teeter..... | Dunkley..... |
| Pringle..... | York..... |

The League standing at present is as follows:—

| | Wos. | Lost. |
|---------------|------|-------|
| Grimsby..... | 4 | 2 |
| Victoria..... | 3 | 5 |
| Dundas..... | 3 | 4 |

Grimsby plays another game each with the Victorias and Dundas. If only one is gained, the pendulum comes to Grimsby.

Wooden Wedding.

Five years ago Mr. and Mrs. John Durham were married, and on the evening of Feb. 23, 1900, their wooden wedding was celebrated at their home in Grimsby, in the company of a large number of invited friends. A sumptuous supper was served, and after justice was done to the good things provided by the hosts, games were indulged in and a most pleasant evening was spent in a sociable way. Mr. and Mrs. Durham were made the recipients of a large variety of presents suitable for the occasion. They also received the hearty congratulations and good wishes of their guests, a list of whom is given as follows:—

M. R. Telford and wife, and his Telford, Paris.
R. Millgate and wife, Jodie Millgate, Toronto.
L. Book, Jasper Book and wife, Beamsville.
Miss Jennie Anderson, Wainwright.
E. A. Sheppard, Merriton.
G. Hughes and wife, M. Durham and wife, W. F. Clarke and wife, O. Neal and wife, A. Ockenden, and wife W. Durham and wife, D. Durham and wife, D. Frost and wife, A. Smye and wife, W. Marsh and wife, W. Book and wife Mrs. Geo. Neal, Mrs. Frank Hand, Misses A. and M. Senks, M. Hughes, R. Upper, K. and N. Hand, Z. Grimsley, Messrs. K. Neal, R. Hughes, C. Durham, W. Smith, J. Hand, E. Norton and W. Neal, of Grimsby.

Grimsby Horticultural Society.

The next monthly meeting of the Grimsby Horticultural Society will be held at Victoria Hall on Saturday, March 3rd, at 7.30 p.m.

J. M. McCulloch of the Post Office Dept., Hamilton will give an address on Palms and Decorative Plants, illustrated by lantern slides. The lecture is free to members of the Society and their friends.

Nigel Keep, Treasurer, will be at the meeting to receive membership fees for 1900, and each member paying before the end of March, is entitled to the following fine collection of plants: 1 Palm, (Kentia Balmoresana), 1 Lily bulb, 1 Ampelopsis Veitchii or Echechorda, Grandiflora, 1 Wintercree (climber), 1 Large Golden Prolifio Plum.

L. Woolverton,
President.

APPLICATIONS WANTED.

Applications for the position of Librarian of the Free Library, Grimsby, will be received up to March 15, 1900. The applications should be made in writing and addressed to the Secretary. Particulars as to the nature of the duties may be obtained from the Secretary.

S. A. WHITTAKER,
Secretary, Grimsby

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We have lately been getting in large stocks of lumber, etc., for this season's business, and have been able to secure some rare bargains and considering the recent rise in all grades of lumber, we know we can defy competition.

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We have a heavy stock of thoroughly seasoned and clear lumber for this purpose, on which we are offering some rare bargains.

HEMLOCK BILL STUFF

A well-assorted stock and most of it dry.

SHINGLES

Can fill your wants as to both quality and prices.

DOORS—It will be to your interest to give us a call before placing your order, as we have every description in the market, or will make them of any special design. We can furnish thoroughly kiln-dried doors from \$1.25 and up.

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Proprietor.

JUDICIAL SALE
OF REAL ESTATE.

Under the terms of a judgment in an action of Daws v. Allan and with the approbation of the Master of the High Court of Justice at St. Catharines there will be offered for sale by public auction at the Lincoln House in the Village of Grimsby, in the County of Lincoln, by the said Master or his clerk on Friday, March 24, 1900, at the hour of 10 a.m., the following valuable freehold property, viz.: Containing by admeasurement twenty-six and one-tenth acres of land, be the same more or less, composed of part of lot number two in the first and part of lot number two in the second concession of the Township of North Grimsby, in the County of Lincoln, with part of the road allowance between said lots, commencing at a point in the southerly limit of the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway Company's right of way, and at the distance of six chains and seven-tenths links on a course north 88 degrees and 25 minutes west from the easterly limit of said lot number two; thence south 18 degrees west parallel to the east limit of said lots number two, 33 chains and 65 links more or less to the south-west angle of A. R. Whitelaw's lot; thence south 61 degrees east on the rear limit of said Whitelaw's lot one chain and 59 links; thence south 21 degrees west in the westerly limit of A. R. Whitelaw's lot 21 chains and 50 links more or less to a stone planted in the southerly limit of lot number two in the second concession aforesaid; thence north 72 degrees west in the southerly limit of said lot 4 chains and 2 links to a stone at the south-easterly angle of Wm. Book's lot; thence north 16 degrees east in the easterly limit of the said Wm. Book's lot 20 chains more or less to a stone at the north-easterly angle thereof thence north 72 degrees west 60 links to a stone; thence north 18 degrees east in the easterly limit of M. E. Book's lot and that of A. Pettit 34 chains and 60 links more or less to the right of way of the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway; and thence south 88 degrees and 25 minutes east 4 chains and 28 links more or less to the place of beginning.

The property is on the south side of the Hamilton Stone Road and is about one mile from the Village of Grimsby. The M., G. & B. Electric Railway runs in front of the property. There is a large two-story brick dwelling house with brick kitchen upon the property. The ground is a sandy loam and in a good state of cultivation.

The property will be offered for sale subject to a reserve bid. The purchaser shall pay ten per cent. of his purchase money at the time of sale to the vendors or their solicitors, and the balance in 30 days thereafter into Court to the credit of this action, without interest.

The vendors will only be required to furnish a Registrar's Abstract of Title, and to produce such deeds, copies thereof, or evidences of title as are in their possession. In all other respects the terms and conditions of sale will be the standing conditions of this Court. Further particulars may be had from Messrs. Ingersoll & Kingston, Solicitors, Ontario Street, St. Catharines, or from John Hoskin, Q.C., Official Guardian, Toronto.

Dated at St. Catharines February 27, 1900.

F. W. MACDONALD,
Local Master at St. Catharines
Ingersoll & Kingston, vendors' solicitors,
St. Catharines.

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—OF—

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I take this opportunity of notifying the public that I have purchased the Painting and Decorating business of Mr. A. F. Michener, Grimsby, and will be prepared from this time forward to attend to the wants of the people in that line.

Spring is at Hand,

and you will want to do some "touching up" and renovating. Painting, Paper Hanging, Graining and Sign Writing done promptly and in the very best style.

Yours for Business,

W. L. HAIST, Grimsby

A Fateful Abduction.

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in love with her and she with him at that time. It was a cruel accident—just like the accident.

Charley laughed at the old comparison and Maggie went on:

"The night of the ball I intended being quite sociable with you, but when I saw how you devoted yourself to that girl I just got mad, and I told them and Mr. Harry I'd pay you off for it. So I got down to tell you how I felt then, and see how you would take it. You see I thought you didn't care anything for me, or you would not have paid so much attention to that other, but I wanted to be sure. Well, she told you, and when you left her in the conservatory she came and told me, and when I heard how much you were pained, I felt half sorry. Just then Mr. Harry saw you coming, and, wishing to carry on the deception from bad began, he lifted my hand to his lips. I couldn't help blushing when you saw me, you looked so cheerful—more like an honest prince than an every-day Christian. Then the next day I sent a note with Mr. Harry to your room, explaining all and begging your forgiveness, but he came back with it and told me you were gone. I am not going to tell you how I felt then, because it would make you too vain—anyway I didn't feel a bit comfortable, and I felt mad at you, for going off in such a hurry without giving a body time to explain. I didn't very well know what to do for a while, until Kate wrote to me, saying you were moving around Dixville like an old hen that had lost her last chicken, and begging me to come right home. So I only waited long enough to be bride-maid for Bess, and then I came straight back. And now I hope you're satisfied, and I must request of you to go right down on your knees and beg my pardon for that impudent speech about my clinging to Mr. Harry Dudley's neck. It was real mean of you—so there!"

How Charley made up friends with her we are not prepared to say. All we know is, that he did make up friends with her; and now after, much to the surprise of everybody except Kate, concluded he wouldn't go back to Dixville any more, but would follow the Scriptural injunction, and take unto himself a wife, on the same day which made Lord Ardale the husband of Alice Desmond.

There was another surprise awaiting the happy household, when Fitzgerald one morning stood before the earl, and, in a frank, manly speech, requested the hand of Kate. The earl was astonished, but said he had no objection, provided that young lady herself was satisfied.

Kate's answer must have been satisfactory, though she only blushed, and said something in a very low tone of voice; whereupon Fitzgerald and Kate very deliberately knelt at his feet, and the earl blessed them in quite a fatherly manner.

There were three weddings in one day at Dixville shortly after that; and never before, nor since, were such doings heard of as at the old mansion. Nothing was talked of, for miles around, but the great goings on at Dixville. All the country were assembled on the lawn in front of the mansion, where they feasted and danced until the day grew red in the east.

Mr. Harry and Lady Dudley came to Dixville to honor the nuptials with their presence. And a very pretty sight it was to see those four brides—all looking so pretty, so happy and so interesting.

Immediately after the wedding, all started for a tour on the Continent; and when they returned, they brought with them John and his faithful Jessie—now man and wife—for whom Lord Ardale never ceased making inquiry, until they were found out. The joy of the good Jessie at seeing her beloved young lady well and happy, and the wife of Lord Ardale, knew no bounds; and she nearly went wild with delight at learning of the good fortune of her step-daughter.

Shortly after their return, the earl passed peacefully away; and Lord Ardale—now Earl of Desmond—together with his cousins, took up their residence in the dear old family mansion of Dixville. Mr. Hugh, who came to reside with his daughter, gave up the Fines to Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald; and both Kate and Alice were delighted at being settled so near one another.

Mr. Harry and Lady Dudley went to reside in his family mansion, taking with them Bess's mother—the old dowager having gone the way of all flesh some months before.

John and Jessie were comfortably provided for by their numerous wealthy relations and friends, and passed the remainder of their lives as happily as the former past had been troubled and stormy.

And Mr. and Mrs. Charley Sidney—how shall we take leave of them? Charley and Maggie settled down astonishingly after marriage, and spent most of their time in Dixville, to which city Charley was very much attached.

Marie Nelson passed the remainder of her days at Dixville, or Dirty Hole as her able attendant persisted in calling it, in spite of all corrections. Here, studying out several new forms of disease to which she believed herself a martyr, the worthy lady passed her time very pleasantly.

Miss Dickett still remained presiding goddess of the mysteries of housekeeping, under the new earl and countess.

When quizzed by Fitzgerald—who solemnly asserted he had no peace with Kate, she was so jealous of the days he had formerly spent trying to win Miss Dickett's heart—the offended housekeeper

or would told her arms with dignity and repeat:

"It is all very fine—so it is." Old Moll resided with Kate, to whom she was extremely attached; and every few months, while she lived, she still paid a visit to the old Miss Miller, as a sort of homage to the memory of her beloved master.

And when the merry Christmas time came, the great parlors of Dixville were filled with such a crowd—little Dudleys, Marys, and Maggies; little Fitzgeralds, Marys, and Kates; and the little Harrys and Alices, of the earl and countess. A happy household they formed, as they assembled every year; and none among them ever grew up more beautiful or more beloved than the little daughter, gentle orphan, Magdalen.

THE END.

A LITTLE JOKE.

BY HUSBAND KIPING.

A day or two before Easter I was sitting in my office finishing up some scraps of work and over and over casting happy glances at my portmanteau, which stood in the corner. I was just off to spend a fortnight with my old friend Colonel Gunton, in Norfolk, and I was looking forward to seeing him again with great pleasure. We had not met for ten years, and I had never been to his place or seen any of his family. It would be delightful.

The telephone bell rang. "Oh, confound it! I hope that's nothing to keep me!" I exclaimed, and I rose to see to it.

"Mr. Miller, are you there?"

"Yes."

"All right. I'll come round."

A few minutes passed and then my clerk announced, "A lady to see you, sir."

A remarkably pretty girl of about 18 was ushered in. She stood still some way from me till the door was closed. Then she suddenly rushed toward me, fell at my feet and exclaimed, "You will protect me, won't you?"

"My dear young lady, what in the world—"

"You're the famous Mr. Miller, aren't you—Mr. Joseph Miller, the philanthropist?"

"My name is Joseph Miller, certainly."

"Ah! Then I am safe!" And she sat down in an armchair and smiled confidently at me.

"Madam," said I sternly, "will you have the goodness to explain to what I owe the pleasure of this visit?"

"They told me to come to you."

"Who?"

"Why, the people at the police station."

"The police station?"

"Yes, when they let me go—because it was a first offence, you know. They said you always took up cases like mine, and that if I stuck to you I should be well looked after."

It was quite true that I had taken an interest in rescuing young persons from becoming habitual criminals, but I was hardly prepared for this.

"What have you been doing?"

"Oh, nothing this time—only a bracelet."

"This time?"

"They didn't know me up here," she explained smilingly. "I've always practiced in the country. Wasn't it lucky? But really, Mr. Miller, I'm tired of it; I am indeed. The life is too exciting—the doctors say so—so I've come to you."

The case was a strange one, but I had no time to investigate it now. It wanted only half an hour to the time my train left Liverpool street.

"What is your name?" I asked.

"Sarah Jones."

"Well, I will have your case looked into. Come and see me again, or, if you are in distress, you may write to me—at Colonel Gunton's Beach Hill, Norfolk. I shall be staying there."

"Going now?"

"I start in a few minutes."

"Oh, I'll come with you!"

"Madam," I answered with emphasis, "I will see you—out of the office first."

"But what am I to do? Oh, it's nonsense! I shall come. I shall say I belong to you."

I rang the bell.

"Show this lady out, Thomas, at once."

She laughed, bowed and went—evidently a most impatient lady. I finished my business, drove to Liverpool street and established myself in a first class smoking carriage. I was alone and settled myself for a comfortable cigar. I was rudely interrupted. Just as the train was starting, the door opened—and that odious young woman jumped in!

"There! I nearly missed you!" she said.

"I can hold no communication with you," I said severely. "You are a disgrace to your—er—sex."

"It's all right. I've wired to the colonel."

"You're wired to my friend, Colonel Gunton?"

"Yes; I didn't want to surprise them. I said you would bring a friend with you. It's all right, Mr. Miller."

"I don't know who you are or what you are, but the Guntons are respectable people, and I am a respectable man."

"That's no reason why you should"

promenade up and down, Mr. Miller. It's very uncomfortable for me."

"What is the meaning of this insolent behavior?"

"Why not be friendly? We're off now, and I must go on."

"I shall give you in charge at the next station."

"What for?"

On reflection, I supposed she had committed no criminal offense, and with a dignified air I opened my paper.

"I don't mind your smoking," she said and took out a box of chocolates.

I was at my wits' end. Either this girl was mad or she was a dangerous and unscrupulous person. She was quite capable of making a most unpleasant and discreditable commotion on the platform at Beach Hill station. What in the world was I to do?

"Shall we stay long at the Guntons?" she asked.

"Yes, madam, will never go there."

"Oh, yes, I shall!"

"Indeed, you won't. I'll take care of that. The police will see to that."

"I don't care a fig for the police. I shall go and stay as long as you do. They told me to stick to you."

I became angry. Any man would have been nothing was to be gained by losing my temper. I took out a cigarette.

"If you'll get out at the next station, I'll give you this."

She laughed merrily. "I thought you went in for personal supervision, not mere pecuniary ones," she said. "I read that in your speech at the charity organization meeting. No; I'm not to be bribed. I'm going to the Guntons."

"It's absurd. It's preposterous. What will—what will Mrs. Gunton say?"

"Oh, she won't mind!" answered my companion, with a confident nod. "She's used to girls like me."

"You surprise me," I retorted sarcastically, but she only laughed again.

I returned to my paper.

An hour passed in silence. The train began to slacken speed as we neared the station next before Beach Hill. She looked up and said:

"Would you really rather I didn't come with you?"

I had passed a wretched hour. This girl was evidently bent on blasting my character.

"Madam," said I, "if you will get out at this station, I'll give you a £5 note."

"What? I heard you never gave away a farthing! They said no one could get a penny out of you."

"It is true that I disapprove of indiscriminate charity, but under the circumstances I"—

"Think I am a deserving object! Well, I'll take it."

With a sigh of relief I took a note from my pocketbook and gave it her.

"I'll pay it back soon," she said.

"Never let me see your face again."

"Apologize for me to the Guntons. Goodbye."

She jumped out lightly, and I sank back murmuring:

"Thank heaven!"

After I got rid of her my journey was peaceful and happy, and I forgot my troubles in the warm greeting my old friend Bob Gunton and his wife gave me. The girl must have lied about the telegram; at least Bob made no reference to it. He had a fine family of boys and girls and presented them to me with natural pride.

"That's my lot—except Addie. She's gone to see some friends, but we expect her back every minute. They keep me alive, I can tell you, Miller."

After tea my host and hostess insisted on taking me for a stroll on the terrace. It was a beautiful evening, and I did not mind the cold. As we were talking together I heard the rumble of wheels. An omnibus stopped at the gate.

"Ah, the bus," said Gunton. "To run between here and our market town."

I hardly heard him, for, to my horror, I saw descending from the bus and opening the gate, that girl!

"Send her away!" I cried. "Send her away! On my honor, Bob, as a gentleman, I know nothing about her."

"Why, what's the matter?"

"I solemnly assure Mrs. Gunton and yourself that—"

"What's the matter with the man? What's he talking about?"

"Why, Bob, that girl—that barefaced girl!"

"That girl! Why, that's my daughter Addie!"

"Your daughter?"

The little man walked up to me with a smile, dropped a little courtesy and said:

"I know, Mr. Miller, that it wasn't true that you would refuse help to a really deserving case. The others said you would, but I thought better of you."

And she had the effrontery, then and there, to tell her parents all about it! I think parents are the most infatuated class of persons in the community. They laughed, and Mrs. Gunton said:

"How clever of you, Addie! You must forgive her, Mr. Miller. My dear girls are so playful!"

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